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ICE DEPORTS WOMAN WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING IN MEXICO

CHICAGO — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers deported a woman to Mexico Friday who is wanted for her alleged involvement in a kidnapping that occurred in Morelos, Mexico.

Jacqueline Cardoso-Reyes, 22, a citizen of Mexico, was flown to El Paso, Texas, late Friday afternoon and turned over to Mexican authorities in Ciudad Juarez.

Cardoso-Reyes told ICE special agents that she paid a smuggler bring her into the United States illegally in September 2002. Acting on a lead from the FBI, ICE special agents arrested Cardoso-Reyes June 10 in her apartment at 5615 South Albany in Chicago. At the time of her arrest she possessed a counterfeit permanent resident card, or "green card." She was subsequently ordered removed from the U.S. by a federal immigration judge.



"We will not allow the United States to be a haven for those who attempt to escape the consequences of their criminal actions," said Field Office Director Deborah Achim, who leads ICE's detention and removal efforts in Chicago. "We work closely with the governments of other countries to ensure that justice is served no matter where a crime is committed."

ICE formally removed more than 160,000 aliens nationally in fiscal year 2004. More than half of those were criminal aliens. The ICE Chicago office deported more than 6,100 aliens last year, a 28-percent increase over the previous year.

ICE effects its deportations aboard both commercial and government aircraft. The government's aircraft is run by the U.S. Marshal Service, and is called the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS). JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world and handles hundreds of requests every day to move prisoners and criminal aliens nationally and internationally. There is an automatic 10-year bar against deported aliens from legally re-entering the U.S.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.